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Re: Mycamine, NDA 21-506
Docket Nos.: 2006E-0023
2006E-0345

The Honorable Jon Dudas
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Director Dudas:

This is in regard to the applications for patent term extension for U.S. Patent Nos. 6,107,458 and 6,265,536, filed by Astellas Pharma, Inc., under 35 U.S.C. section 156 et seq. We have reviewed the dates contained in the application and have determined the regulatory review period for Mycamine (micafungin sodium), the human drug product claimed by the patents.

The total length of the regulatory review period for Mycamine (micafungin sodium) is 2,546 days. Of this time, 1,493 days occurred during the testing phase and 1,053 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. The date an exemption under subsection 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act involving this drug product became effective: March 29, 1998.

The applicant claims February 26, 1998, as the date the investigational new drug application (IND) became effective. However, FDA records indicate that the IND effective date was March 29, 1998, which was thirty days after FDA receipt of the original IND.

2. The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human drug product under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act: April 29, 2002.

FDA has verified the applicant's claims that the new drug application (NDA) for Mycamine (micafungin sodium) (NDA 21-506) was initially submitted on April 29, 2002.

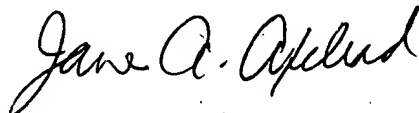
3. The date the application was approved: March 16, 2005.

FDA has verified the applicant's claims that NDA 21-506 was approved on March 16, 2005.

This determination of the regulatory review period by FDA does not take into account the effective date of the patents, nor does it exclude one-half of the testing phase as required by 35 U.S.C. section 156(c)(2).

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane A. Axelrad".

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